



NVDCINST 16713/1-13

INFORMATION ON TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION

As of November 7, 2014 the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) will suspend the issuance of Temporary Certificates of Documentation (TCODs). The purpose of issuing TCODs was to allow recreational boat owners to legally operate their vessels during the peak summer boating season (late May through September) while the NVDC worked through their almost four month backlog. Please note, applications that have been received in our office by Close of Business November 7, 2014 will be reviewed and if the requirements are met, a TCOD issued.

TCODs are in a different format than the permanent COD, printed in letter format on blue paper and embedded with specific security features. TCODs include the managing owner's name and address, the vessel's official number and HIN number, are signed by the Director and are mailed to the address on file for the managing owner.

TCODs shall be maintained on the vessel at all times while the vessel is being operated. The TCOD shall remain valid until the first of the following shall have occurred:

1. The elapse of one (1) year from the issue date of the letter; or
2. The issuance of the vessel's permanent COD which, upon its issuance, shall supersede the Temporary COD; or
3. Issuance of written notice of a determination by the NVDC that the vessel is not eligible for documentation; or
4. An ownership change to the vessel before the permanent COD has been issued.

While it is in effect, the recreational vessel subject to this TCOD shall be deemed to be a documented vessel of the United States, subject to all the rights and responsibilities applicable by law to documented vessels and to CODs. Please note that this document is not conclusive evidence of title in any proceedings where ownership is in issue. Complete records are on file at the NVDC.

To be eligible for a TCOD, one must meet citizenship and nationality requirements (i.e. vessel must not be foreign registered), provide title evidence, include applicable fees and properly signed documents. If the applicant or accompanying documentation does not meet the minimum requirements, no correspondence will be forthcoming until a complete review of the case file is conducted.

TCODs WILL NOT be reissued if lost, mutilated or destroyed. Certified copies are available at a cost of \$4.00.